

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

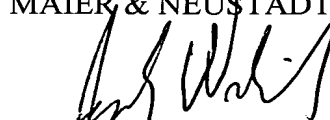
Claims 1, 3, and 5-16 are pending in the present application, Claim 1 having been amended. Claim 1 is amended to remove a duplicative phrase that appeared in Claim 1. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Claim 1, 3, and 5-16 are patentable for at least the reasons stated in the amendment filed February 5, 2007.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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